**Government plan to finance Power Projects**

1733. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 215 when given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1992 and state :

*(a) whether it is a fact that Government* have drawn up a plan to finance central power projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs. 31131.58 cr. for a capacity addition programme of 12,858 MW in the Central Sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Out of this, Rs. 5261 crores is meant for the Neyveli Lignite Corporation and the Nuclear Power Corporation, which are not under the Ministry of Power. The break-up of the envisaged addition programme of 12.858 MW in the Central Sector is as follows :—

Hydro-electric—3260 MW

Thermal—8598 MW

Nuclear—1100 MW

**Clearance of Vishakhapatnam Thermal Power Plant**

1734. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given clearance to the Vishakhapatnam Thermal Power Plan in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the construction work would start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had accorded its investment approval on 28-5-92 for implementaion of the Vishakhapatnam Thermal Power Station (2x500 MW) by APSEB. APSEB signed an MOU on 17-7-92 with Ashok Leyland Mission Energy (USA) joint venture for implementation of this project in the private sector. The proposal has been cleared from the foreign investment angle by the Government. The date of starting of construction work would be known after the power purchase agreement is signed by the APSEB and the Promoters.

**Enhancing funds for rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh**

@1735. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested to enhance the funding by the Rural Electrification Corporation, under normal Rural Electrification programme, to the tune of Rs. 25 crores during the year 1992-93; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for allocation of extra funds to the extent of Rs. 46 crores for a programme of energisation of one lakh pumpsets, extension of electrification to left out hamlets and colonies of weaker sections and for system improvement schemes. REC has advised the State Electricity Board to obtain additional allocation from Planning Commission, so that REC, on its part, can provide more funds than originally allotted for the programme.

**Proposal for a State Electricity Board in Arunachal Pradesh**

1736. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Arunachal Pradesh for setting up of a State Electricity Board in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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@*Previously Unstarred Question 487, transferred from 25th Feb., 1993.*